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January 8, 2016

UCAB Quality of Life Committee Meeting

Monday, January 11 7:00pm-9:00pm Upcounty Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Discussion: "Housing Trends in Montgomery County"

Guest: Gwen Wright, Planning Director, Montgomery County Planning Department

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Ride On Service Change to Begin Sunday, January 10

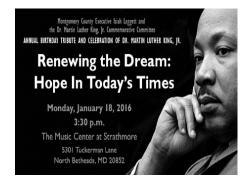
Beginning January 10, Ride On will make schedule changes to 15 bus routes. Most of the changes modify the bus schedule to more accurately reflect the time it takes for a bus to run its route based on traffic and other conditions. The following routes will be changed: 3, 8, 9, 14, 23, 32, 34, 38, 42, 45, 47, 53, 83, 97 and 98. (Links go to new schedules effective January 10.)

Details about major route changes for Upcounty are listed below:

Route 83: To help close the County's significant budget shortfall this fiscal year, service on this route has been reduced as follows: Weekday service remains unchanged; provide Saturday service from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and eliminate Sunday service.

Route 98: To help close the County's significant budget shortfall this fiscal year, service on this route has been reduced as follows: Eliminate weekday service after 8 p.m.; provide Saturday service from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and eliminate Sunday service. Also, add one trip to accommodate students as a result of the change in Montgomery County Public Schools start times.

More information about Ride On is available online, sign up for email alerts or follow Ride On on Facebook and Twitter.



County Pays Tribute & Celebrates Dr. King Monday, January 18 3:30pm The Music Center at Strathmore 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Committee cordially invite you to attend Montgomery County's Annual Birthday Tribute and Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Check calendar for more information

Montgomery Council Committee to discuss Montgomery Village Master Plan Monday, January 11 2:00pm Council Office Building, 7th floor Hearing Room 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

Focus will be on transportation if County's first planned community is approved for new development. The Montgomery County Council's Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee will begin discussions on proposed changes to the Montgomery Village Master Plan. A major change would involve development for the privately owned former golf course that runs through the middle of the community, but has been closed due to economic reasons. The PHED Committee, and eventually, the full Council will be addressing recommendations made by the County Planning Board regarding the Montgomery Village.

Built in the 1960s by Kettler Brothers, Montgomery Village was one of the first planned communities of its size in the United States. It was planned with a vast range of housing types and the homes were planned to appeal to a variety of lifestyles with a wide selection of designs and prices for residents.

The major change in the proposed revised master plan involves potential development on the former Montgomery Village Golf Course, which is no longer operating. The golf course property is now owned by Monument Realty.

At Monday's PHED Committee meeting, among the major topics to be discussed are balancing additional development with transportation needs to support increased population. A key element would include the potential extension of MidCounty Highway that is designated as M-83. That extension, as called for in the current master plan, would be a six-lane divided highway from Montgomery Village Avenue to Ridge Road (Maryland Route 27) in Clarksburg.

The proposed revised master plan also includes locating a new fire station near the vicinity of Goshen Road and Rothbury Drive.

The Planning Board's draft of the revised Montgomery Village Master Plan can be found at http://tinyurl.com/pkohuqn.

The meeting will be televised live by County Cable Montgomery (CCM—Cable Channel 6 on Comcast and RCN, Channel 30 on Verizon) and streamed live at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/ondemand/index.html

Your comments are needed!

County Executive Leggett to Hold Public Forum on the FY17 Budget Monday, January 25 7:00pm BlackRock Center for the Arts

(for the Upcounty Regional Services Center)
12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown, MD

This is a great opportunity for the community to provide input for the County's budget for fiscal year 2017 which begins on July 1, 2016 and ends on June 30, 2017. Come out with your questions and suggestions! Click for map **BlackRock Center for the Arts: January 25, 2016.**

The County Executive announces his Recommended Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget in March. The County Council must approve the operating budget by the end of May.

Learn more about the County's operating budget at https://reports.data.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb!

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Are You Ready for the 100 Mile Challenge? Kickoff Event

Wednesday, January 20 7:00pm-9:00pm Holiday Park Recreation Center 3950 Ferrara Drive, Wheaton

Start 2016 off with a healthy challenge for you, your family...and bring the dog! Walk, jog or run a mile a day for 100 days. Montgomery County Recreation will kick off the 100 Mile Challenge on Wednesday, January 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. Win Prizes! Register Now! (Press Release)



















Montgomery County Council to Host Town Hall Meeting for Clarksburg Area Wednesday, January 27 8:00pm

(a pre-meeting reception begins at 7:30pm)

Rocky Hill Middle School

22401 Brick Haven Way, Clarksburg

The Montgomery County Council, which each year holds Town Hall Meetings throughout the County in its efforts to find out what issues most concern residents, will meet with residents of the County's fastest-growing community when it hosts a Town Hall Meeting for Clarksburg. Residents will be encouraged to ask questions on any issue. Among the issues that are expected to be discussed are the continued development of Clarksburg, the impact on the community of the future outlet mall, efforts to protect the Ten Mile Creek area, schools, transportation needs, public safety including the location of a new fire station and the upcoming process to formulate the County's Fiscal Year 2017 operating budget.

For more information regarding the Town Hall Meeting, call 240-777-7931.

Montgomery County's Commission for Women presents The 36th Annual Women's Legislative Briefing

Sunday, January 31 11:30am – 6:00pm (program begins at 12:00n) The Universities at Shady Grove, Bldg II 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville

The 36th Annual Women's Legislative Briefing will provide information about state and federal legislative proposals of special concern to women. Special Seminars for Grades 7-12. Registration is \$25.00 in advance or \$30.00 at the door. Check the calendar for more information

The Women's Legislative Briefing (WLB) is the premier and longest-standing women's legislative event in the state of Maryland. It is coordinated by the Montgomery County Commission for Women and brings together advocates, policy makers, and emerging leaders to empower, engage, and mobilize Marylanders around issues affecting women and girls throughout the state.

Affordable Care Act - Open Health Enrollment

Open enrollment for health insurance coverage under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is open until January 31, 2016. Under the ACA, adults 18 to 64 years of age must have health coverage or will pay a tax penalty.

The Maryland Health Connection is the state's insurance online insurance marketplace and eligible Montgomery and Prince George's County residents who need health coverage have three easy ways to enroll:

- Sign up is simple and available online at www.marylandhealthconnection.gov any time (24 hours/7 days a week);
- Sign up by telephone at 1-855-642-8572 (toll free) or 1-855-8573 (TTY); or
- Meet in person with a health navigator to complete enrollment. Find out where sign up locations are at www.capitalhealthconnection.org/sign-up-locations.

Montgomery Councilmember Craig Rice, MCPS Interim Superintendent Bowers, and Montgomery College President Pollard to hold second annual education forum series

Beginning Feb. 17 in Germantown, they will meet with residents around the County to explain FY17 budget process, seek residents' priorities for MCPS and Community College

Wednesday, February 17 6:30pm-8:30pm Montgomery College – Germantown Campus Bioscience Educational Center (BE Building-Room 151) 20200 Observation Drive, Germantown

Montgomery County Council Education Committee Chair Craig Rice, Montgomery County Public Schools Interim Superintendent Larry Bowers and Montgomery College President DeRionne Pollard will host the first of five public forums to provide information, and seek input, on the programs and budgets of the County's public school system and its community college. This will be the second annual countywide tour to address the budget process. The forums also will talk about the opportunities residents will have to influence decisions that will be made as the County works to adopt its Fiscal Year 2017 budget. The County Council in May will adopt the budget that will go into effect on July 1.

The forum series will continue on the following dates:

- Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Einstein High School at 11135 Newport Mill Road in Kensington.
- Wednesday, March 9, at Gaithersburg High School at 101 Education Road in Gaithersburg.
- Wednesday, March 16, at Magruder High School at 5939 Muncaster Mill Road in Rockville.
- Wednesday, March 23, at Thomas S. Wootton High School at 2100 Wootton Parkway in Rockville.

All forums will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m.



Congratulations to Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett who has been named one of Washingtonian Magazine's "Washingtonians of the Year"! Click here to see the article.

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Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news_releases

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Department of Public Libraries http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library

Department of Recreation http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp

Department of Transportation http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html

Department of Environmental Protection http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp

Department of Permitting Services http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx

Montgomery County Volunteer Center http://www.montgomeryserves.org

Office of Community Partnerships http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html

Commission for Women http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html